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Federal Aviation Administration
Office of Chief Counsel (AGC 200)
800 Independence Ave.
Washington D.C. 20951

FAA-01-9227-1

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 14 CFR 11.25, TDM, Inc., d/b/a Colgan Air Services, hereby petitions the Federal Aviation Administration for an exemption to 14 CFR 135.143 (c) (2). Part 135.143 (c) (2) requires that after January 1, 1992 any transponder not meeting the requirements of TSO-C112 (Mode S) may not be newly installed on any aircraft operating under the provisions of Part 135.

TDM, Inc., d/b/a Colgan Air Services, is currently operating a Cessna 310R(N26370), Cessna 421C(N37404) and a King Air 200(N155QS). We feel equipping these aircraft with mode S transponders, a system that is not fully functional, is prohibitively expensive for a small part 135 operator.

The proposed rule would generate benefits in the form of cost relief not only to us as a Part 135 operator, who would be required to install Mode S transponders, but also to our customers the flying public. The average price of a Mode S transponder is \$4000. This additional expense, of course, would be passed on to the flying public.

TDM, Inc., d/b/a Colgan Air Services further requests that this petition not be delayed by publication in the Federal Register. To delay this petition for publication in the Federal Register would place a significant economic hardship on us as a Part 135 Operator.

In view of the fact that safety would not be impacted, but economic aircraft operations will, TDM, Inc., d/b/a Colgan Air Services, encourages you to expeditiously grant this petition for exemption.

If you have any additional comments or questions concerning this petition, you may contact me at 800.658.9498 or Email me at Tcolgan@centurytel.net.

Sincerely,

Tim Colgan
President
Colgan Air Services